

THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS

UNTIL further notice private flying in Germany has been forbidden by a decree issued last Monday by Field-Marshal Goering. The reason remains a mystery.

Last week the Japanese claimed that during their advance on Tienchiacheng their aircraft dropped 60,000 rounds of machine-gun and rifle ammunition and 100 packs of medical supplies and provisions for their troops.

The four Short Sunderland flying boats of No. 230 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Far East), have been named *Perak*, *Selangor*, *Pahang* and *Negri Sembilan*. They were purchased out of the \$2,500,000 presented by the sultans and the peoples of the Federated Malay States for the acquisition of two new squadrons for the air defence of Malaya.

Twenty-five Years Ago

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"Considerable excitement was caused at Neufchatel, near Boulogne, on Monday night when a German aviator on an Albatros monoplane landed. . . . He had started from Johannisthal with the intention of going to Bale, but after making a stop at Cologne, he was driven off his course to the northward, and eventually landed at Brussels. From there he arranged to fly across to Dover, but he once again lost his way and landed at Neufchatel to discover his whereabouts."



FOR TEACHING DOMINION DEFENCE : Two of the five Airspeed Oxfords recently ordered by New Zealand have been assembled and flown at Auckland. Mr. W. Locke, of Airspeeds, is seen (right) after the assembly test flights. The Oxfords will be attached to the F.T.S. at Wigram, the South Island headquarters of the R.N.Z.A.F.

An order for twelve transport aeroplanes has been received by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation from the Netherlands East Indies Government.

The well-known Soviet pilot P. G. Golovin has recently completed a survey flight round the Polar basin, covering, it is claimed, 29,000 km. (18,125 miles) in 120 flying hours during 39 days. He used an N.207 monoplane.

At 3 p.m. on October 15 Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond is to open the first local H.Q. of the Air Defence Cadet Corps. This, a 32-room mansion in Watford, will accommodate Nos. 2 and 3 A.D.C.C. Squadrons.

The tower of the church of Notre Dame at Bruges was struck by a Belgian military aeroplane flying in a fog last week. The pilot was killed and the observer seriously injured, but, though the machine was carrying explosives, no explosion occurred.

The chief engineer of the Bristol Company's aero engine department, Mr. A. H. R. Fedden, M.B.E., F.R.Ae.S., M.I.M.E., M.I.A.E., M.S.A.E., Hon. F.I.A.A., Hon. D.Sc., has now been proffered a further honour. This is the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts.

In the Statistical and Technical Review compiled by the Civil Aviation Department of the Air Ministry and published last week, it is disclosed that out of 15 accidents in 1937 which resulted in death or injury during private flying, six occurred to pilots of ultra-light aircraft which spun into the ground through loss of flying speed.

A pilot who lost his way while on a flight from Natal to Fort Victoria in Southern Rhodesia dropped a message at a Roman Catholic Mission station. The nuns in charge replied by making an arrow on the ground with newspapers and grouping the schoolchildren to form the figures "10," thus indicating the direction and distance.

When flying near Belgrave, Victoria, Australia, Mr. I. O. Brown, of the Essenden Aero Club, struck some high tension cables, breaking off pieces from each of his airscrew blades. In spite of this he was able to fly over 30 miles with his machine flying at just above stalling speed.



A.D.C.C. KIT : How officers of the Air Defence Cadet Corps will appear; Flt. Lt. H. Norvall displays the uniform. The colour is Air Force blue.



A SHORT ONE : The sign of the new inn overlooking the Medway at Rochester, named in commemoration of the first Empire flying boat to take the air. Representatives of Imperial Airways and Short Bros. attended the "launching" ceremony.